

Expansion of Pharmacy Ambassadors: A Pharmacy Educational Program for Resettled Refugees



Purpose

Refugees come to the Columbus area from many countries around the world where healthcare and pharmacy systems are structured very differently than in the United States. Community pharmacists are often the most easily accessible healthcare providers to the community.

The Pharmacy Ambassadors program utilizes community pharmacist accessibility and educates refugees about the pharmacy and healthcare system in the United States, the role of the pharmacist, and provides other basic medication information in an interactive class.

Impact

Since the program started in 2013, partnership has continued with two initial partners and expanded to involve four additional community partners, allowing more refugees to participate in the program.

Additional students, faculty, and pharmacists have been involved with the program, which provides opportunities for them to build cultural competency skills and relationships with community partners.

Expansion of the program has taught valuable lessons for students, faculty, and partners in how to individualize the program to fit participants needs and create sustainable foundations for program success.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Pharmacy

Community Partners Involved

Kroger

US Together

CRIS

PrimaryOne Health

Catholic Charities (Cleveland)

Northeast Ohio Medical University

How you can get involved:

- Support our partners
- Funding to support presentation technology and activity supplies

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